IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-4 without disclaimer to their content as these claims were allowed in amended form in the parent application ser. no. 08/964,246.

Please also cancel Claims 5-6 without disclaimer to their content as these claims were allowed in divisional application ser. no. 09/469,555.

Please amend Claim 7 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. A marked-up copy of the claim is attached herein on a separate sheet and a clean version of the claim is also attached herein on a separate sheet.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIM:

Please add new Claim 8, which is attached herein on a separate sheet.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the enclosed ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE, which is submitted herewith on a separate sheet of paper in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72.

Conclusion

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Office is not fully persuaded as to the merits of Applicant's position, or if an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 538-3800 would be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

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